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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a Sequence Identification Listing in paper copy and computer readable form as well as a Statement Accompanying the Sequence Identification Listing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Applicants hereby request entry of the Sequence Identification Listing into the above-referenced application.

Applicants also respectfully request that the specification and claims be amended prior to examination as shown on the following pages. Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this preliminary amendment, and amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this preliminary amendment.

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